

BAR KOKBA leads Last Great Jewish Revolt. The suppression of the Jews leads to the 2nd diaspora. When the Roman empire was at its peak, the Jews fought a long and ultimately losing battle to resist Roman authority and maintain Judaea as a national homeland. A great rising in Jerusalem, begun in 66 by extremists known as Zealots was put down, after much bloodshed by TITUS, son of emperor Vespasian, and the

Temple was burned to the ground. During the 4 yrs of atrocious violence, the Jews had resorted to cannibalism. In 132, Simon Bar Kokba, who may have called himself a messiah, led the last important Jewish revolt. He & his followers were defeated by JULIUS SEVERUS. Bar Kokba was killed at BETHER, near Caesarea. The Romans made Jerusalem an Italian colony and allowed Jews entry only once/yr.

So began the ~~2nd~~ diaspora & dispersion of Jews throughout the empire (The 1st was the Babylonian Captivity of the 6th cen BC), and the history of the Jews, until the creation of modern Israel in 1948 became the story of those scattered communities.